[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: On the recommendation of the Darbar Physician, Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai was, as a special case, given leave on full pay for 12 months for prosecuting higher studies in surgery and specialising in the treatment of the diseases of the ear, the nose and the throat. Sanction was also accorded to his being promoted to the grade of Deputy Surgeon when he returned fully qualified in the particular branch in which he proposed to specialise. An extension of leave for six months with half-pay allowance and a lodging allowance of ten shillings per day together with a loan of Bh. Rs. 1,000 to pay his return passage, was also subsequently sanctioned.

With a view to open a separate section in the General Hospital for the treatment of the diseases of the ear, the nose and the throat, instruments to the value of £ 322 have been ordered from England. Since his return from Europe, Dr. Raman Pillai is reported to have absented himself from duty without obtaining previous permission and his case is under the consideration of the Government.

RETIREMENT OF DR. BARKER FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

4. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers connected with the retirement of Dr. Barker from the service?

(*b*) What are the circumstances that led to his retirement?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The member's attention is invited to the answer to interpellation No. 8 of Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June, 1921.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: With reference to the answer to question No. 4, will the Government be pleased to supply me with a copy of the answer given to Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I shall make a copy available for the member.

RETIREMENT OF MR. P. KESAVA PILLAI, LATE ASSISTANT SIRKAR VAKIL, QUILON.

5. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why and under what circumstances the services of Mr. P. Kesava Pillai, Assistant Sirkar Vakil, Quilon, have been dispensed with?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers connected with the above matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government do not consider that it is conducive to public interests to disclose reasons for their decisions in regard to individual public servants.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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